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32. Bhartiya Adimjati Sevak Sangh, Dr. Ambedkar Marg, Thakkar Bapa Smarak Sadan, New Delhi.
33. Akhil Bhartiya Dayanand Sewashram Sangh, Maharishi Dayanand Bhavan, Ramlila Maidan, New Delhi.
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[English]

Expenditure Incurred in Construction of Airfield in Tuiral Near Aizawl (Mizoram)

2402. SHRI LAL DUHOMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the total expenditure incurred for the construction of airfield at Tuiral near Aizawl in Mizoram;

(b) the total expenditure incurred for repairs upto May, 1984;

(c) whether any request has been received from Government of Mizoram for sanction of fund for repair after May, 1984;

(d) if so, details thereof;

(e) the present condition of the airfield;

(f) whether there is any proposal for the construction of another airfield; and

(g) if so, Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Civil Aviation Department have requested the State Government of Mizoram to under-take the resurfacing of the runway, provision of operational fencing, construction of retaining walls etc. at an approximate cost

of Rs. 20.00 lakhs. DGCA have provided funds for this purpose.

(e) The airfield is under repair.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Vayudoot Services for Jaisalmer and Bikaner

2403. SHRI VIRDHI CHANDER JAIN : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the names of places in the country which the Union Government have decided to link with 'Vayudoot' services and the date by which they are proposed to be so linked;

(b) the reasons for not introducing 'Vayudoot' Services there so far; and

(c) whether Government purpose to introduce 'Vayudoot' services to Jaisalmer and Bikaner and if so, by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b). Fourteen stations in the North-East region and 23 stations in other parts of India, listed in the attached statement, were identified for airlinking by Vayudoot in its initial phase of operation. No time frame, however, was fixed for the airlinking of these stations. Out of these stations, air services to the following stations have already been provided :

1. Shillong
2. Cooch Behar
3. Tezu (Indian Airlines)
4. Cuddapah
5. Rajamundry
6. Jamshedpur
7. Nanded
8. Rourkela
9. Ludhiana
10. Kota (Indian Airlines)

11. Dehradun
12. Pantnagar
13. Rae Bareli

In addition, Vayudoot had also started services to Rupsi, Kamalpur, Kailashahar, Aizwal, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, which had however, to be withdrawn due to poor load factor or deterioration of the runway surfaces. Vayudoot also operates air services to Delhi, Chandigarh, Kulu, Lucknow, Bombay, Kandla, Surat, Bhavnagar, Ahmedabad, Aurangabad, Ratnagiri, Calcutta, Ranchi, Bhubaneshwar, Gauhati, Silchar, Tirupathi, Bangalore and Mysore. Lack of infrastructure and air-craft capacity are among the main reasons for not linking all the specified stations so far.

(c) Yes, Sir. Subject to availability of infrastructural facilities, Vayudoot services to Jaisalmer and Bikaner may be started shortly.

Statement

The Stations Identified for Airlinking by Vayudoot Services

I. Stations in North-East Region

1. Rupsi
2. Shillong
3. Kamalpur
4. Kailashahar
5. Gangtok
6. Cooch Behar
6. Along
8. Daporijo
9. Itanagar
10. Passighat
11. Sadiya
12. Tazu
13. Zero
14. Aizawal

II. Stations outside North-East Region

1. Cuddapah

2. Rajamundry
3. Warrangal
4. Jamshedpur
5. Gaya
6. Muzaffarpur
7. Purnea
8. Raichur
9. Hubli
10. Calicut
11. Bilaspur
12. Jagdalpur
13. Nanded
14. Rourkela
15. Ludhiana
16. Kota
17. Bikaner
18. Jaisalmer
19. Thanjavur
20. Dehradun
21. Ghazipur
22. Pantnagar
23. Rae Bareli

Delays in Indian Airlines flight during 1984

2404. SHRI VIJAY N. PATIL : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the incidence of delays in flights of the Indian Airlines has increased in 1984 as compared to those of the year 1983; and

(b) if so, the reasons for more delays and the steps the Indian Airlines contemplates to improve the efficiency ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) :

(a) Yes, Sir. As compared to 1983, there was a marginal decline in the on-time performance of Indian Airlines in 1984.